

as hydrogen. Thus, there is no suggestion that single bit data loss is reduced by deuterium because the references cited provide no description of how deuterium affects erasing operations. The Examiner stated in the Advisory Action that the Lisenker reference does discuss FLASH memory and the effectiveness of deuterium in erasing operations. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide the cite in the Lisenker reference upon which he relies.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6976 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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